

## METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING SELECTED ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM A WIRELESS TELEPHONE USER TO A CALLER

### ABSTRACT

[0034] A method for providing selected status announcements from a wireless telephone user to a caller comprising receiving an incoming call from a caller. The method further comprises that responsive to a determination that an automatic answering mode applies to the incoming call: receiving a pre-selected announcement action corresponding to the incoming telephone call and performing the pre-selected announcement action. If the pre-selected announcement action includes a hold announcement, then the incoming telephone call is answered by providing the caller with the hold announcement and placing the wireless telephone in mute mode until the user has taken the incoming telephone call. The method further comprises that responsive to a determination that a manual answering mode applies to the incoming call, receiving a user-selected announcement action. The user selected announcement action is selected by the user from a list of announcement actions and the user selected announcement action is selected in response to receiving the incoming telephone call. The user selected announcement action is performed, including answering the telephone call by providing the caller with a hold announcement and placing the wireless telephone in mute mode until the user has taken the incoming telephone call, if the user-selected announcement action includes the hold announcement. If the user selected announcement action includes a call-back announcement, then the caller is provided with the call-back announcement and the telephone call is disconnected.